

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool for use in measuring and marking material, comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having a plurality of lines formed on a first side thereof; and

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible material sized and shaped to only cover the entire first side of the sheet of rigid material, the sheet of flexible material temporarily adhered to the first side of the sheet of rigid material with surface adhesion only and configured to provide a planar surface on substantially the entire first side of the sheet of rigid material that resists slipping on the material and does not alter the first side of the sheet of rigid material when applied thereto or removed therefrom.

2. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 1 wherein the sheet of flexible material comprises a plurality of sheet segments placed together on the first side of the sheet of rigid material to form a planar surface for bearing against the material.

3. (Currently Amended) A tool for use in measuring and marking material, comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having first and second opposing planar sides and a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second opposing planar sides; and

a transparent sheet of non-static cling flexible material sized and shaped to substantially cover ~~only~~ the entire first side of the sheet of rigid material, the sheet of flexible material adhering to the first side of the sheet of rigid material by surface adhesion only and

configured to provide a removable, planar, non-slip surface and to leave no adhesive on the first side of the sheet of rigid material when removed therefrom.

4. (Original) The tool of claim 3 wherein the sheet of flexible material comprises a plurality of sheet segments placed together on the first side of the sheet of rigid material.

5. (Original) The tool of claim 3 wherein the plurality of lines are formed on the first side of the sheet of rigid material.

6. (Original) The tool of claim 3 wherein the plurality of lines are formed on the second side of the sheet of rigid material.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of making a transparent tool for use with measuring and marking material, comprising:

providing a transparent sheet of rigid material having first and second opposing planar sides and a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second opposing planar sides;

providing a transparent sheet of non-static cling, non-slip flexible material;

sizing the sheet of flexible material to substantially cover only one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid material; and

placing the sized sheet of flexible material on only one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid material to substantially cover only the one side of the sheet of rigid material and to provide a removable, planar, non-slip bearing surface between the sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked, the flexible material adhering to the sheet of rigid material by surface adhesion only to remain in place when facing downward and to be removed from the sheet of rigid material without altering the sheet of rigid material and the flexible material.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein sizing the sheet of flexible material comprises forming a plurality of sheet segments of the sheet of flexible material to substantially cover only one side of the sheet of rigid material.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the plurality of lines are formed on the first planar side of the sheet of rigid material and the sheet of flexible material is placed over the first side of the sheet of rigid material.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the plurality of lines are formed on the second side of the sheet of rigid material and the sheet of flexible material is placed on the first side of the sheet of rigid material.

11. (Currently Amended) A tool for measuring and marking material, the tool comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having first and second opposing planar sides;

and

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible material having first and second opposing sides, the sheet of flexible material sized and shaped to cover the entire first side of the sheet of rigid material, the sheet of flexible material having a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second opposing sides, and the sheet of flexible material adhering to the first side of the sheet of rigid material with surface adhesion only and configured to provide a removable non-slip surface between the transparent sheet and the material and to not alter the flexible material and the transparent sheet of rigid material when the flexible material is applied to and removed from the transparent sheet of rigid material.

12. (Original) The tool of claim 11 wherein the sheet of flexible material comprises a plurality of sheet segments placed together on the sheet of rigid material.

13. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 11 wherein the sheet of flexible material has the lines formed on the first side thereof, and the sheet of flexible material is placed on the sheet of rigid material such that the first side of the sheet of flexible material bears against the first side of the sheet of rigid material.

14. (Original) The tool of claim 11 wherein the sheet of flexible material has the plurality of lines formed on the second side, and the sheet of flexible material has the first side placed against the first side of the sheet of rigid material.

15. (Currently Amended) A tool for use in measuring and marking material, the tool comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having opposing first and second sides with a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second sides; and

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible material removably adhered to only one of the first and second sides of the sheet of rigid material and sized and shaped to substantially cover the side to which it is adhered and to provide a planar, non-slip surface between the transparent sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked and to not alter the sheet of rigid material when the sheet of flexible material is applied thereto or removed therefrom.

16. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15 wherein the sheet of flexible material is adhered to the side of the sheet of rigid material on which the plurality of lines are formed.

17. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15 wherein the sheet of flexible material is adhered to the side of the sheet of rigid material that does not have the plurality of lines formed thereon.

18. (Original) The tool of claim 15 wherein the sheet of flexible material is formed of multiple segments.

19. (Currently Amended) A tool for measuring and marking material, the tool comprising:

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible vinyl material having plasticizers therein and having opposing first and second sides with a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second sides; and

a transparent sheet of rigid material having opposing first and second sides with the sheet of flexible material removably adhered by surface adhesion only to only one of the first and second sides and sized and shaped to substantially cover the side to which it is adhered and to provide a planar, non-slip surface between the transparent sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked and to not alter either one of the sheet of flexible material and the sheet of rigid material when adhered together or removed apart.

20. (Currently Amended) A tool for use in measuring and marking material, comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having a plurality of lines formed on a first side thereof; and

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible material removably adhered to the first side of the sheet of rigid material with surface adhesion only and configured to cover substantially the entire first side of the sheet of rigid material and provide a non-slip planar surface that resists slipping on the material to be measured and marked and does not alter the first side of the sheet of rigid material when applied thereto or removed therefrom, the transparent sheet of flexible material comprising plasticizers that continually migrate to surfaces of the transparent sheet of flexible material.

21. (Currently Amended) A tool for use in measuring and marking material, comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having first and second opposing planar sides and a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second opposing planar sides; and

a sheet of non-static cling flexible material formed of a vinyl material having plasticizers that continually migrate to surfaces of the sheet of flexible material, the sheet of flexible material adhering to the first side of the sheet of rigid material by surface adhesion only and configured to cover substantially the entire first side of the sheet of rigid material to provide a planar, non-slip surface and to leave no adhesive on the first side of the sheet of rigid material when removed therefrom.

22. (Currently Amended) A tool for measuring and marking material, the tool comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having first and second opposing planar sides; and

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible material having first and second opposing sides and formed of a top coated highly-plasticized non-static cling vinyl film having plasticizers that continually migrate to a surface of each of the first and second opposing sides, the sheet of flexible material having a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second opposing sides and adhering to the first side of the sheet of rigid material with surface adhesion only and configured to cover substantially the entire one of the first and second opposing sides of the sheet of rigid material and provide a removable, planar, non-slip surface between the transparent sheet and the material to be measured and marked, and to not alter the flexible material in the transparent sheet of rigid material when the flexible material is applied to and removed from the transparent sheet of rigid material.

23. (Currently Amended) A tool for use in measuring and marking material, the tool comprising:

a transparent sheet of rigid material having opposing first and second sides with a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second sides; and

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible material formed from vinyl material having plasticizers therein that continually migrate to a surface of the flexible material, the flexible material removably adhered to only one of the first and second sides of the sheet of rigid material to cover substantially the entire one of the first and second sides of the sheet of rigid material and ~~providing~~ provide a removable, planar, non-slip surface between the transparent sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked, the flexible material configured to not alter the transparent sheet of rigid material when applied thereto and to not alter and leave an adhesive on the transparent sheet of rigid material when removed therefrom.

24. (Currently Amended) A tool for measuring and marking material, the tool comprising:

a transparent sheet of non-static cling, flexible material having planar opposing first and second sides with a plurality of lines formed on one of the planar first and second sides, the transparent sheet formed of vinyl material having plasticizers therein that continually migrate to a surface of the first and second sides; and

a transparent sheet of rigid material having opposing first and second sides with the sheet of flexible material removably adhered by surface adhesion only to only one of the first and second sides to cover substantially the entire one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid material and provide a planar, non-slip surface between the transparent sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked, the transparent sheet of flexible material configured to not alter the transparent sheet of rigid material when applied thereto and removed therefrom.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of making a tool for use in measuring and marking material, comprising:

providing a transparent sheet of rigid material having first and second opposing planar sides and a plurality of lines formed on one of the first and second opposing planar sides;

providing a transparent sheet of non-static cling, non-slip flexible material;

placing the sheet of flexible material on one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid material to cover substantially the entire one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid material and provide a planar, non-slip surface between the transparent sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked, the sheet of flexible material adhering to the sheet of rigid material by surface adhesion only and to not leave adhesive material on the transparent sheet of rigid material when removed therefrom.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of making a transparent tool for use with a material to be measured and marked by the tool, the method comprising:

providing a transparent sheet of flexible material formed of non-static cling vinyl film having plasticizers that continually migrate to a surface of the film;

placing the sheet of flexible material on one of first and second opposing planar sides of a sheet of rigid material to cover substantially the entire one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid material and form a planar non-slip surface between the sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked, the sheet of flexible material adhering to the sheet of rigid material by surface adhesion only; and

removing the sheet of flexible material from the sheet of rigid material without altering the sheet of rigid material and without leaving adhesive on the sheet of rigid material.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of making a tool for use in measuring and marking material, the method comprising:

providing a transparent sheet of non-static cling, non-slip flexible material;

marking the sheet of flexible material for a visual aid; and

placing the sheet of flexible material on one of first and second opposing planar sides of a sheet of rigid material to cover substantially the entire one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid material and provide a non-slip planar surface between the sheet of rigid material and the material to be measured and marked without altering the one of the first and second opposing planar sides of the sheet of rigid materials.